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Vehicle check-ups on your smartphone

2 March 2017 Auckland Pre- and post-trip safety inspection checks for commercial vehicles just became a whole lot easier with the launch of EROAD's Inspect mobile application.

EROAD CEO Steven Newman said the app was developed to help customers meet increasingly stringent health and safety obligations — a pressure transport operators are facing globally.

"Keeping vehicles and assets safely maintained is a complex problem for our customers," Mr Newman said. "We're delighted to be helping solve that problem with a simple, elegant solution that they can customise to suit the vehicles in their fleets, to improve safety and reduce the administrative costs of manual inspections."

EROAD Inspect eliminates paper, and a 'one-size-fits-all' approach to inspections. It enables operators to assign configurable inspection templates to a vehicle or asset. It also automatically records and saves the information input by drivers, providing an accurate record of inspections that operators can rely on for safety compliance.

EROAD Inspect guides drivers through inspections, and allows them to submit reports electronically. It interfaces with EROAD's web application, Depot, with exception-based reporting that shows vehicle managers or maintenance staff back at the office items that have failed an inspection or require attention.

Configurable templates mean drivers can select an inspection type – truck, tractor, vehicle or equipment – and assign it to a vehicle in Depot.

"With web access to the information, it makes it easy for fleet managers to stay ahead of maintenance to keep vehicles in prime operating condition. Plus, clear records exist of all checks to demonstrate an operators' care and attention in looking after their vehicles and their drivers," Mr Newman said.

He said the app would be useful not only for heavy vehicle operators but to anyone operating a vehicle or a fleet of vehicles in their business.

Changes in New Zealand health and safety law, which took effect a year ago this April, mean vehicles that are used for work are considered workplaces, and must offer a safe working environment for drivers, the community and other road users.

"We see a wide scope for this product because it isn't just the big trucks that need regular inspection checks," he said.

Mr Newman said EROAD intended to offer EROAD Inspect in the US market also in FY2018, with the company's R&D increasingly being aimed at applications and new services that could be offered across a number of markets.

EROAD Inspect is available now for Apple and Android mobile devices.



About EROAD

EROAD modernises road charging and compliance for road transport by replacing paper-based systems with easy-to-use electronic systems. The company is headquartered in Auckland, New Zealand, and listed on the New Zealand Exchange (NZX). Its US business is based in Portland, Oregon, serving customers with vehicles operating in every US mainland state, growing outward in concentration from the Northwest. In 2009 EROAD introduced the world's first nationwide electronic road user charging (eRUC) system in New Zealand and, in 2017, more than 50% of heavy transport RUC is expected to be collected electronically, representing a rapid transition to e-commerce on a voluntary, industry-led basis, due to the cost-savings and benefits to customers. EROAD is also a leading provider of health and safety compliance services, including vehicle management and driver behaviour and performance measures.

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